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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Davi	id W. Nelms et al.)
Serial No. 10/085,454)
Filing Date: February 27, 2002)
For:	NON-RECTANGULAR SHAPED CREDIT CARD WITH CASE)
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PETITION TO CLAIM BENEFIT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 120 OF A PRIOR COPENDING NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3)

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The Applicants hereby petition in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) to claim the benefit, for this application, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, of prior copending application no. 29/133,861, filed December 8, 2000. Applicants are filing concurrently herewith an Amendment, Request and Fee to Add To Original Erroneously Not Named Inventors in a Non-

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Provisional Application to add an inventor to this application. Upon acceptance of that Amendment, and the addition of the erroneously not named inventor, Roger Hochschild, Applicants request granting of this petition to claim the benefit of the prior copending application. Applicants state that the entire delay between the date the claim for the benefit of the earlier application was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date this claim is filed was unintentional.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,280.00 for the surcharge fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t). The Commissioner is authorized charge any additional fees necessitated by this filing to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

Dated: November 11, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

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